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1. The Atomic Weapons Rewards Act of 1954 passed the House but failed of passage in the Senate. The bill had been amended to include the DCI on the Board which was to determine the amounts of the awards and also included the Director with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to determine whether the entry of an alien who had furnished information under this bill was in the interest of national security. In addition, the Act was amended so that after the awards had been certified the cases were to be transmitted to the DCI for payment "out of funds appropriated or available for the administration of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended."

2. Senator Mansfield is leaving on 24 August for Europe, on his way to South East Asia and to join the American delegation on SEATO. I reached Sen. Mansfield at approximately 12:30 to see whether we could be of any briefing assistance to him. He suggested that we come up and brief him at 1:30. After checking with Mr. Kirkpatrick, who in turn checked with the covert offices and Mr. Sheldon, it was determined that the time was too short to do an adequate briefing, and I so informed Sen. Mansfield. I told him that we were sorry that we had not had more notice of his departure (his designation as a SEATO delegate having been made at the weekend) and that we hoped to see him upon his return. Sen. Mansfield greatly appreciated our interest and willingness to help him and was sorry he could not avail himself of it. However, he inquired whether [REDACTED] was still in Saigon, as he would like to contact him as an old friend.

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3. Judge Robert Morris, who is serving as a special counsel to the Jenner Subcommittee of the Senate Rules Committee holding hearings on proposed rules of procedure for Congressional Committees, asked me whether [REDACTED] would be available for testimony on the general subject of whether Congressional Committee concern with internal security matters was warranted, or whether the problem of Soviet espionage was so on the decline as to make it no longer necessary for Congressional Committees to take action. I told Judge Morris

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that as he knew [REDACTED] was to appear before the Jenner Committee, that at that time Senator Jenner could wear either or both hats, and that if his questions were prepared that would be a good opportunity to secure the information which he desired.

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4. Discussed with [REDACTED] Acting Chief, WH Division, the passing of material on the Guatemala situation to Cong. Hillings. He gave me a certain amount of background material to transmit to Cong. Hillings. I told [REDACTED] that Hillings would wish to be

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